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MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

SB 57 (Bishop)

SB 57 allows the DEQ director to issue an emergency order to prohibit the transportation of solid waste if both apply: a) the import of the solid waste poses a public health threat, safety threat, or threat to the environment, and b) the director determines that the waste must be restricted in order to minimize or eliminate the threat.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, MTA, MAC, MFB, MML.

Oppose: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, MMA.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 57 [RC 84: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 497 (THOMAS)

SB 497 allows for beverage containers to be banned from Michigan landfills in a later bill in the package.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, MTA, MAC, MFB, MML.

Oppose: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, MMA.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 497 [RC 85: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 498 (Birkholz)

SB 498 bans disposal of beverage containers among other items from landfills and adding legislative intent language to statute stating that optimization of recycling and reuse of materials are the main goals for Michigan's solid waste management plan. The House amended the bill on the floor to include municipal solid waste incinerators in the bans.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, MTA, MAC, MFB, MML.

Oppose: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, MMA.

- Birkholz 1 (S-10) was adopted [no RC].
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 498, as substituted by the Senate [RC 86: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 499 (Sanborn)

SB 499 establishes a statewide solid waste inspection program. The program would: assure all disposal areas are in compliance, provide for inspection of solid waste disposal areas at least 4 times per year, and assure that all persons disposing of solid waste are in compliance.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, MTA, MAC, MFB, MML.

Oppose: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, MMA.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 499 [RC 87: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 500 (OLSHOVE)

SB 500 creates state civil infractions for specific violations and create a civil fine for a second violation of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (NREPA) at not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation. The bill removes the civil infraction authority necessary to enforce the solid waste package.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, MTA, MAC, MFB, MML.

Oppose: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, MMA.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 500 [RC 88: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 502 (Cassis)

SB 502 would requires the DEQ to: notify each state and province of Canada that Michigan has banned certain materials from our waste stream (see SB 498), compile a list of counties, states, provinces, and local jurisdictions that meet our prohibitions, and provide that list to each landfill. The House amended the bill to apply the certification to all prohibitions instead of the Senate approach of applying the certification to just the prohibitions listed in SB 498. The House amended the bill to allow a person other than a governmental jurisdiction to seek certification.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, MTA, MAC, MFB, MML.

Oppose: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, MMA.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 502 [RC 83: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 506 (Patterson)

SB 506 prohibits the department from issuing landfill construction permits received after January 1, 2004 and before January 1, 2006. Special permit may be approved for expansion if the applicant can prove that the landfill has less than 3 years of capacity. The House added a new exception to allow expansions if authorized by a local host agreement. DEQ says that this exception essentially guts the moratorium. The argument is that the exception is necessary because the legislature can't void provisions in these agreements.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, MTA, MAC, MFB, MML.

Oppose: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, MMA.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 506 [RC 81: 34 yes, 3 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 557 (BRATER)

SB 557 would require the reports submitted yearly by the landfill owners to include the amount of remaining disposal capacity at the landfill. The DEQ would be required to report to the legislature annually summarizing the information.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, MTA, MAC, MFB, MML.

Oppose: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, MMA.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 557 [RC 82: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

SB 715 (Gilbert)

SB 715 would require that each county's solid waste management plan include an enforcement provision to assure that prohibitions are being met.

Support: DEQ, MEC, Don't Trash MI, MTA, MFB, MML.

Oppose: MI Waste Industries Association, Republic Services, MMA, MAC.

- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 715 [RC 89: 37 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

HB 5234 (Acciavatti)

HB 5235 (Robertson)

HB 5234 requires solid waste from out of state to meet Michigan standards. Support: DEQ, MEC. Oppose: Waste Haulers.

- HB 5234 was moved to 3rd Reading. No amendments.
- HB 5234 passed with IE [RC 90: 37 yes, 0 no].

HB 5235 requires solid waste haulers to notify their customers that appropriate disposal options are listed on the DEQ website. The bill requires haulers to notify customers of items that are prohibited from disposal and options for appropriate disposal based on information posted on the DEQ website. Support: DEQ, MEC. Oppose: Waste Haulers.

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- Birkholz 1A (1 amend) was adopted [no RC]. Tie-bar to SB 497.
- HB 5235 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- HB 5235 passed with IE [RC 91: 37 yes, 0 no].